

MEMORANDUM FOR Garrison Commander, United States Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon, Fort Gordon, Georgia 30905-5020

SUBJECT: Meeting of the Fort Gordon Officer and Enlisted Retiree Councils

1. The Fort Gordon Officer and Enlisted Retiree Councils met in joint session at Fort Gordon on 13 August 2005.

2. The following Officer and Enlisted Council members were present:

COL (Ret) Everett Greenwood, Co-Chairman	SGM (Ret) Richard Downs, Co-Chairman
COL (Ret) William Mannel	CSM (Ret) James Huggins
COL (Ret) Thom E. Tuckey	CSM (Ret) James Hussey
CPT (Ret) William J. Barnard, Secretary	SGM (Ret) Clyde E. Hyde, Jr.
Mrs. Nancy Moore	1SG (Ret) Theola B. Melton
Mrs. Betty Dodd	SFC (Ret) Jack Baker
	PFC (Ret) Karenann Burkhardt-Amster

3. The following Officer and Enlisted Council members were absent:

COL (Ret) Webster E. Francis, Jr.	1SG (Ret) Rickey Lumpkin
MAJ (Ret) John Anchor	SFC (Ret) James O. McCormick
CWO4 (Ret) Boni Buoni	SFC (Ret) Alfred S. Zamora

4. COL (Ret) Greenwood and SGM (Ret) Downs called the meeting to order at 1010 and welcomed all council members and guests. Everyone was excited about the Retiree Activity Day (RAD) which is scheduled for Friday, October 7, 2005. All work being done to prepare for this event is going well. SGM (Ret) Downs stated that we have a lot of work ahead of us for the next two months.

5. SGM (Ret) Downs stated that something must be done to inform more retirees in the area about the RAD. He stated that groups such as VFW, AMVETS, and the American Legion need to be contacted. Ms. Hillary Boyce, RSO, stated that most of these organizations are on the distribution list. LTC Baker, EAMC, suggested the "Senior News" may be an idea for advertisement and Ms. Boyce confirmed. Ms. Ayanna Wiggins suggested marketing through church bulletins and Ms. Boyce and SGM (Ret) Downs were both in agreement with the idea.

6. Ms. Tammy Wulfekuhl, an intern with AAFES, stated that AAFES is working the issues in reference to the plans which were stated in prior meetings. SGM (Ret) Downs stated that he would be the contact for AAFES. Ms. Wulfekuhl also stated that AAFES would supply a cake for the RAD and the first 100 people to enter the PX will receive cake and possibly punch. COL (Ret) Greenwood stated that the RAD is celebrated by other installation Retirement Services Offices and it would be a good idea for someone to contact other Exchanges to find out about their preparation agenda. SGM (Ret) Downs stated that all donations would be given away as door prizes during the dinner.

7. COL (Ret) Mannel stated that the Augusta Chronicle should be contacted for advertisement. COL (Ret) Greenwood then stated Ms. Boyce has spoken with a representative from the Augusta Chronicle and interviews have been scheduled. Mr. Henry Holmes, PAO, stated that an article on the RAD needs to be written for television and radio stations as well as a public service announcement. This would need to be prepared no later than 26 August. Newspapers that need to be contacted are in Greenwood, South Carolina; Dublin, South Carolina; Dublin, Georgia; and Milledgeville, Georgia. Personnel who will sit in on the interviews will need to contact COL (Ret) Greenwood to make preparations. Television station interviews have been scheduled for 28 September on Channel 12 at noon and 5 October on Channel 6 at noon with Mary Morrison. SGM (Ret) Downs stated that COL (Ret) Reich was interviewed with local television stations and a Comcast cable program for the last RAD. COL (Ret) Greenwood responded that he would look into that possibility for this RAD. Mr. Holmes, PAO, stated that information about the RAD will be faxed to 30 to 40 newspapers.

8. Mr. Joseph Governski, Commissary, stated that he had received a pledge for \$700 from a vendor and he would contact Mr. Ken Brewington from AAFES in reference to purchasing items for the door prizes. Ms. Judy Wyatt, Acting Adjutant General, stated she had received \$530 in donations. Mr. Governski suggested combining money to purchase appliances from AAFES and planning ahead for the cash. He also suggested contacting Mr. Brewington to inquire about any upcoming discounts. Vendors have donated eight gift certificates in the amount of \$100 each. Mr. Governski stated that cake and punch would be set up at the front entrance of the Commissary and they will also try to have a special check out line for retirees. Solicitation of donations for the RAD was encouraged keeping in mind that those who donate would be recognized in the program of events. A suggestion was also made to have drawings for door prizes throughout the day in hopes of keeping the retirees around and involved. This drawing would be held every hour or after each briefing or presentation. Also, there will be a commissary case lot sale on 8, 9, and 10 September, and handicapped parking will be available.

9. COL Karen Adams, Garrison Commander, stated that the commissary would call the MP's in reference to purchasing more than three products containing Pseudo ephedrine since the Defense Commissary Agency policy states that three is the limit.

10. SGM (Ret) Downs suggested allowing the person who passes out the prescription numbers at EAMC also pass out RAD flyers. Also, a television monitor is available in Darling Hall to be used for advertisement.

11. LTC Baker and Mrs. Kathleen Haskell from EAMC stated that the FBI will make presentations on identity theft and Internet fraud. There will also be presentations on health, depression, memory loss, and diabetes. The presentations will be concurrent and there will be a total of six presentations, three in the morning and three in the afternoon. There will also be presentations set up for bone density screening, chair and foot massage, and body fat analysis. All presentations will be held at Darling Hall.

12. COL Adams, Garrison Commander, stated that Force Protection Two will be conducted during the week of 9 September and is not sure how this will affect retirees, but stated that this may make it difficult


for some to enter post. COL Adams suggested that some retirees may want to rearrange their schedules such as medical appointments and so forth.


13. CSM (Ret) Huggins stated the Visitors Bureau will provide between 50 and 500 packets that contain handouts about various meetings and organizations. The packets should be ready for pick up after 15 September from the Visitors Bureau at the Enterprise Mill.

14. COL (Ret) Greenwood and Ms. Boyce stated that a plan has been established for each organization to have representatives at information tables during RAD, including staff from legal who will help with wills and others who will help with other advertisements. Delta Dental group will also have a table set up along with Tri-Care for Life. Personnel from a number of offices on Fort Gordon will be available to assist the retirees throughout the day.

15. COL (Ret) Greenwood stated that formal invitations from the leadership of the RAD need to be sent to the Senior Mission Commander, EAMC Commander, Garrison Commander, Chief of Staff, and others as needed. Ms. Wyatt stated that Ms. Paula Arrington should be contacted to help with coordinating letters for the dinner. Ms. Boyce was asked to check on the status of the Air Force fly-over and availability of the Signal Corp band to perform during the opening ceremony and the dinner. Col (Ret) Greenwood suggested having cold sandwiches for the participants in Darling Hall for lunch.

16. COL (Ret) Greenwood stated that the next meeting would be on 1 September 2005 at 1000, in the Garrison Commander's Conference Room in Darling Hall. The meeting was adjourned at 1221.


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